

# Rosa Parks

A black and white photograph of Rosa Parks. She is in the foreground, smiling slightly, wearing glasses and a striped shirt. In the background, a man in a suit is visible, looking to the left. The setting appears to be outdoors, possibly near a bus.

Rosa Parks was nationally recognized as the “mother of the modern day civil rights movement” in America. Her refusal to surrender her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus, December 1, 1955, triggered a wave of protest that reverberated throughout the United States. Her quiet and courageous act changed America, its view of black people and redirected the course of history. Parks received more than forty-three honorary doctorate degrees as well as the Medal of Freedom in 1996.

# Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Born on March 15, 1933, in Brooklyn, New York, Ruth Bader Ginsburg graduated from Columbia Law School, going on to become a staunch courtroom advocate for the fair treatment of women and working with the ACLU's Women's Right Projects. She was appointed by President Carter to the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1980 and was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Clinton in 1993. As a judge, Ginsburg favors caution, moderation and restraint. In 2016, she released a memoir and in 2018, the documentary *RBG* was released.



A close-up portrait of Malala Yousafzai. She is wearing a vibrant red headscarf that covers her hair and neck. Her dark hair is visible at the top. She has a serious, contemplative expression, looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background is a soft, out-of-focus warm tone.

# Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani education advocate who, at the age of 17, became the youngest to win the Nobel Peace Prize after surviving an assassination attempt by the Taliban. Born on July 12, 1997, Yousafzai became an advocate for girls' education when she herself was still a child. On October 9, 2012, a gunman shot Yousafzai when she was traveling home from school. She survived and has continued to speak out on the importance of education. In 2013, she gave a speech to the United Nations and published her first book.

# Constance Wu



Born in 1982, Constance Wu is an American film and TV actress who started garnering attention with the dark comedy web series *EastSiders* before landing her breakout role as the tenacious Jessica Huang on ABC's *Fresh Off the Boat*. In 2018, Wu played the lead role in the modern romantic comedy *Crazy Rich Asians*, the first major Hollywood film in 25 years with an all-Asian cast centered around a modern Asian-American story. Wu is an advocate on Asian-American representation in Hollywood.





# Mother Teresa

Nun and missionary Mother Teresa, known in the Catholic church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta, devoted her life to caring for the sick and poor. Born in Macedonia to parents of Albanian-descent and having taught in India for 17 years, Mother Teresa experienced her "call within a call" in 1946. Her order established a hospice and a leper colony. In 1979, she received the Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian work. She died in 1997, was beatified in 2003. In 2016, she was canonized in Vatican City.

A close-up portrait of Robin Roberts, a woman with short, dark, wavy hair, smiling broadly. She is wearing a bright orange top, a gold necklace with large, light-colored beads, and gold earrings. The background is a plain, light blue-grey color.

# Robin Roberts

Born in 1960, in Alabama, Robin Roberts grew up in Mississippi. She went on to become a sports reporter and anchor for a local TV station. At age 29, Roberts began hosting ESPN's *Sportscenter* and soon after, appeared as a guest reported on *Good Morning America* until she was hired as a full-time anchor in 2005. In 2011, Roberts took a leave of absence to undergo treatment for a rare blood disorder she contracted after undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer. In 2014, she officially came out as a gay woman.



# Frida Kahlo



Artist Frida Kahlo was considered one of Mexico's greatest artists who began painting mostly self-portraits after she was severely injured in a bus accident. Kahlo later became politically active and married fellow artist Diego Rivera in 1929. She exhibited her paintings in Paris and Mexico before her death in 1954. Kahlo's life was subject of a 2002 film entitled *Frida*, which was nominated for six Academy Awards. The family home where Kahlo was born and grew up, later referred to as Casa Azul, was opened as a museum in 1958. [www.Biography.com](http://www.Biography.com)

# Ellen DeGeneres



Born in 1958, in Louisiana, Ellen DeGeneres hit it big as a stand-up comedian before starring on her own sitcom, *Ellen*. In 1997, she came out as gay and became a staunch advocate of LGBT rights. She has been the host of her own award-winning talk show, *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, since 2003, and married girlfriend Portia de Rossi in 2008. Juggling many roles in Hollywood, DeGeneres has continued building her empire. She owns her own record label and lifestyle brand. She's also an avid animal rights and gay rights activist.